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...PROCEEDINGS...

The Chester Association convened with Self Creek Church in its Twenty-Seventh Annual Session, Friday, Oct. 3, A. D., 1919.

Came together by singing, led by J. H. Ward. Led in prayer by C. E. Bland.

The Moderator, H. M. Whitten, read the 19th Psalm. Prayer by J. D. Ray.

C. H. Dobbs moved that we go into the election of officers. On motion of D. M. Berry the present officers were re-elected.

Called for correspondents.

Bryan Simmons, organizer for \$75,000,000 campaign in District No. 4.

Louisville—J. L. Hughes.

Columbus—J. D. Ray and wife, H. H. Sykes and C. E. Bland.

Central—M. M. Lackey, W. M. U. Secretary.
Returned correspondents:

Louisville Association—H. M. Whitten and J. M. Black.

Kosciusko Association—J. J. Rabun and J. H. Ward.

Columbus Association—H. M. Whitten.

State Convention—Tom Smith, H. M. Whitten, W. M. Hammond and G. D. Weatherall

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance—J. L. Neely, J. H. Ward and G. L. Keen.

Devotional—D. M. Berry, J. M. Black and pastor and deacons of this church.

Enrollment—Tom Smith.

On motion Bro. N. Q. Adams was recognized as delegate from Wake Forest Church.

After a song Bro. W. M. Hammond led in prayer.

After some scripture quotations Bro. N. Q. Adams led in an earnest prayer.

The hour having arrived for the introductory sermon, the Moderator turned the meeting over to Bro. J. L. Hughes, who

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spoke of his wonderful recovery a year ago and asked the Moderator to lead in a special prayer of thanks for the merey and goodness of God during the past year.

The text was 2nd Cor. 5:17. The subject: "Ye must be born again."

Bro. Hughes preached a great sermon and showed clearly that not reformation but regeneration is absolutely essential to salvation. He emphasized the fact that "Good works" are no part of our salvation, but the fruits of the "New birth."

•FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Came together by singing. Led in prayer by Bro. Watkins.

J. H. D. Watson, delegate to the S. B. C. made a splendid report of the great convention at Atlanta.

Bro Watson reported that he had \$8.62 of the funds turned over to him to defray his expenses left over, which by motion of P. S. Rodgers was turned over to Finance Committee to defray expenses of delegate next year.

The following report on Prohibition was read by S. M. Fant, and after being discussed by P. S. Rodgers and J. L. Hughes, was adopted:

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

We, your Committee on Prohibition, beg leave to report as follows:

The great world war has hastened prohibition. The Federal prohibition legislation stopped the manufacture of all beverages till the close of the war and the return of all soldiers and sailors.

In 1886 the Mississippi legislature passed a local option law; in 1908 it passed a State-wide prohibition law. There were at this time only eight wet counties in the state, the other seventy counties having driven liquor out by petitions and other methods. In 1914 the one-gallon law was put on our statute books. In 1916 the one-quart law. This was a great legislative stride. But thank God the finishing touch was the bone-dry law that passed in 1918. So our state is as near bone-dry as any state in the union.

Then we should be very proud of Mississippi's two United States Senators and eight Congressmen, who have given their support and vote to prohibition measures. Also 61 per cent of our State Senators and 68 per cent of our Representatives voted for the bone-dry bill.

Thanks be to God for the bone-dry law, it is keeping the jails empty, or nearly so. Many good wives and children are having more to eat, more to wear, better educational and religious advantages and better conditions generally. The Anti-Saloon League of Mississippi deserves a large part of the credit for all anti-liquor legislation in Mississippi since 1912. Two things should be done to improve conditions: Some officers who are both sworn and paid to enforce the state laws must be more vigilant and faithful. If present ones can not and will not enforce our splendid laws, new ones should be put in their place. Citizens must be more patriotic to the law. The people, led by the Anti-Saloon League are doing all they can under our splendid laws to route the enemy. The every law-abiding man should seek those law violators who slip around and make whiskey on the sly. God speed the time when all those law breakers shall have been put out of commission.

Then we find several countries now dry: United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Canada, Iceland, Turkey and two states in Mexico, and the Panama Canal Zone.

War time prohibition is in force now. National constitutional prohibition will go into effect on Jan. 16, 1920. Thanks be to God for this national prohibition. When instead of hearing God's name taken in vain on account of drunkenness it will be honored and be taught in every home around the family altar.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. FANT, Committee.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We mean by the term "Publications," our periodicals and articles published by Baptists and more particularly Southern Baptists. We want to recommend the following publications:

The Baptist Record. For the first time in our history we come before our people with our own paper. Mississippi Bap-

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We heartily recommend the publications put out by the S. S. Board, Nashville, Tenn. We believe that every Baptist church ought to use Baptist literature.

Home and Foreign Field. Through this paper we learn what we are doing in our home land and abroad. We can not learn much from other publications, so if we are to be intelligent as to Baptist activities we must read our own papers.

We also recommend the Orphanage Gem, published at Jackson in the interest of our home for orphans.

Respectfully yours,

J. L. HUGHES.

The above report was read by J. L. Hughes and after a slight amendment and after being discussed by J. L. Hughes and P. S. Rogers., Bro. W. M. Hammond said let's subscribe for the Baptist Record and not talk so much, and a good number gave Bro. J. L. Hughes their subscriptions. Then Bro. Whitten made a strong speech to the report and it was adopted.

Bro. J. L. Hughes read the following report on "Systematic Giving." This report was discussed by J. L. Hughes, W. M. Hammond, J. D. Ray, S. M. Fant and A. W. Pool.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

If we have learned the meaning of the word "Systematic" correctly, it is "pertaining to or proceeding according to system; a regular order of business."

In every successful business in this life, system occupies a prominent place. The facts are, no business can be run successfully without system. Then, if it is necessary in any vocation of life, why not apply it in all our church work?

Suppose there had been no system to the training of our boys, the raising of money and the real work at the front, what would have been the results? Whereas, with the systematic work from the home to the firing line, we're marching to victory. Then if it means victory in a world struggle like this, why not give it a trial in the Christian warfare in which we are engaged? No one should attempt to deny the fact that we are to contribute

to the poor and to the spread of the gospel. Are we not filled with gratitude and praise for what he has done for us? But do we not very often forget what we can and should do for him? Shall we be satisfied until it can be said of all the churches composing this body that they abound in this grace? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me but ye will say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Mal. 3:8.

No better plan can be adopted than God's plan. It is the best. It cannot be improved. The main thing for us is to be willing to do as we are commanded.

Respectfully,

J. L. HUGHES.

The Moderator appointed J. H. D. Watson, S. M. Fant and D. M. Berry a Committee on Nominations.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Called to order by singing. Devotional exercises by P. S. Rogers.

J. L. Hughes led in special prayer for the \$75,000,000 campaign.

J. B. Lawrence, Secretary of the Convention Board, State organizer, was recognized.

Bryan Simmons, District organizer, was also present and recognized.

L. L. Patterson publicity man for Oktibbeha County was recognized.

The following six reports were read in succession:

Report on Orphanage.

Report on Ministerial Relief.

Report on Christian Education.

Report on Hospitals.

Report on Missions.

Report on \$75,000,000 Campaign.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE REPORT.

Our Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Mississippi, is an institution that should appeal to the best that is in every child of God. It meets a need that has long been felt by Christian peo-

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ple. Through all the ages God's people have been urged to take special care of the widow and the orphan and have been warned of the dangers that may befall them if they neglect to heed the cry of the orphan child. It was Jesus who said, "suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." James gives it as the evidence of pure and undefiled religion to visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction.

Our people have stood by our Orphanage nobly and have made it possible for the Orphanage to give food and shelter and schooling and training to more than eight hundred children. Many of these have already gone out to fill position of usefulness and to make good citizens and useful Christian workers. We have now in the home 140.

We would remind our people of the necessity of an increase in their contributions to the Orphanage in order that we may meet the additional cost of living. Let our women continue to send boxes of clothing as heretofore and the members of the canning clubs send all kinds of canned goods as they did last year. Let our people generally contribute produce of all kinds to the free cars which we hope to procure. We recommend that our Sunday Schools give monthly to the Orphanage and that our people make special prayers for the Orphanage and its management.

G. A. EDDLEMAN.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

In looking over some of the preceding minutes of this association I find the reports on ministerial relief are conspicuous by their absence. I can think of two important reasons why this should not have been the case, first without some action by the association in thinking the aged and decrepit ministers have been neglected and second without a previous report I am without a pattern to write this one.

When the Master ordained that "they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel" evidently he didn't mean that they should live no longer than they are active and able to preach.

In most cases preachers are not paid enough while active

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and alive to live comfortable, and they have nothing to lay by in store against the day of adversity.

Now we hope and pray that the seventy-five million dollar drive will be a grand success so that the aged and decrepit ministers of the Gospel as well as the other benevolent causes will be amply supported.

H. B. BLACK, Committee.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

By Christian Education we mean an education that recognizes Christ and His teachings as fundamental.

A Christian education is one that teaches the heart as well as the head and the hand.

Knowledge is power and to give one knowledge is putting power in his hand that may prove a curse instead of a blessing. So the all important thing to do is to educate the heart so that this power will be used to bless and save the world.

Walter Scott, just before he died asked his son-in-law to read to him, and he asked him what book to read from and that great master mind said: "There is but one book."

But there is something else necessary besides recognizing the Bible as fundamental, we must have Christian teachers.

We cannot afford to send our children to immoral and ungodly teachers.

We think the most important qualification of a teacher is that he or she be personally and intimately acquainted with Jesus, the Great Teacher.

Our hearts are made glad as we read the reports of the opening of our denominational schools. It seems that they are all full even to overflowing. Bro. Lowrey writes from Blue Mountain that every available room has been filled and could have filled another dormitory.

For nearly a century our school at Clinton has been sending out men whose influence for good and for God has gone from the rivers to the ends of the earth. The same could be said for Blue Mountain and the girls. Then there is our Womens College at Hattiesburg and Clark Memorial at Newton following in their foot prints.

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and Jennings, who are going to turn over the magnificent Blue Mountain College, valued at \$200,000, to the Baptists of Mississippi as a free gift on one condition—that we raise \$100,000 to pay off the indebtedness on our other colleges. This \$100,000 has already been raised.

We most heartily recommend all these schools as the places for our boys and girls, because they are places where the Christian spirit prevails and abounds.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. WEATHERALL.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS.

In sending out His workers Jesus told them to heal the sick. At the last when the righteous and wicked shall be separated He will say to the righteous "I was sick and ye visited me." Our Lord and Master set the example of healing. With the example of Jesus and that of His inspired apostles before us and many other teachings of the scriptures on the subject of healing and caring for the sick and afflicted, we are constrained to undertake this great hospital work.

Doubtless all understand that Mississippi Baptists are interested in two hospitals, the Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson, Miss., and the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. In the past year both hospitals have done a large work; they have been full almost all the time. Arrangements are being made to add one story to our hospital in Jackson. The hospital in Memphis is being doubled in capacity. The great demands for accommodations in these institutions necessitated these improvements. The institutions deserve our prayers, our patronage, our sympathies and our support. God is wonderfully blessing this great work.

PATRICK S. ROGERS.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

What are missions? Missions are the earnest endeavors of God's people to give the gospel effectively to the whole world. This means that the gospel is to be preached to all people of every nation; that it is to be preached intelligently. The great

command and commission is, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations." (Mat. 28:19). "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation." (Mat. 16:19). These scriptures mean that the gospel is to be preached not only to a local church, a small community, a state, a country, but to the whole world wherever man is found. Any church or church member or preacher who does not favor giving the gospel to all men everywhere is not in accord with the teachings of the New Testament, (and therefore should be dealt with as a traitor to the Kingdom of the Master, and therefore should be regarded as unfaithful to the commandments of the Master and untrue to the vital interests of the Kingdom.

Notwithstanding the awful ordeal of the World War the state, home and foreign missions of Southern Baptists were wonderfully blessed. Hundreds and thousands were baptized, many new churches were organized, and houses of worship were built. The interest in Sunday Schools was intensified, while our medical and educational missionary work prospered beyond our most sanguine expectations. A few figures will show how God is so wonderfully blessing the mission efforts of Southern Baptists. In Mississippi our missionaries baptized 659; we raised for state missions \$50,661. Last year Southern Baptists raised for home missions \$1,007,480, i. e. for all objects fostered by our Home Board. Last year was by far the best financial year in the history of Southern Baptists. Our foreign mission board received last year for foreign missions \$1,223,190. 5,635 were baptized, and 41 new churches constituted. The marvelous prosperity of all our mission work demands that we greatly enlarge our contributions to this work. In view of this the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting last May in Atlanta unanimously voted to launch a campaign for \$75,000,000 to be raised in the next five years. This amount is to be used in carrying on all our benevolent work. We can raise this amount and we ought to do it. Therefore it is recommended that every church in this association put forth its best efforts to raise its apportionment.

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PATRICK S. ROGERS.

REPORT ON 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN.

The Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta, Ga., in May, with twice as many messengers in attendance as at any former meeting, determined with unity of purpose and loyalty of spirit to raise 75 Million Dollars in the next five years for the enlargement of their work in missions, education, and benevolence. The following considerations evidently led them to propose this mammoth movement for Christ:

1. The vastness of the World War and the greatness of America's part in reconstruction, put on Southern Baptists a new and limitless responsibility in the world's spiritual regeneration.

2. Baptist conviction and polity demanding a course of separation from the unionizing and confederating movements about them made Baptists see that if they are to go straight on in the New Testament-determined course, and carry out Christ's demand on them in the world's spiritual regeneration, they must multiply their efforts to enlarge their work

3. Their great numbers, with increasing wealth, brought to them a sense of great responsibility, and conscious of the depth of their convictions and unity, and the power of a Southwide coöperation, they saw afresh the vision of a great task.

4. They realized as never before the need of larger equipment for all their churches, schools, orphanages, hospitals, and other agencies, both at home and abroad, and saw the vast opportunity this strengthened program would give them.

5. They saw anew that if democracy is to be made safe for the world the peoples of the earth must be enlightened and that this democracy must be dominated by the spirit of the gospel of Christ.

6. They saw a larger duty to aged ministers heroes of the cross who have fought against odds with a sacrifice greater than we are asked to make and included in this campaign a South-

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wide movement to establish an adequate fund for their relief.

7. A deeper compassion for lost souls swayed the hearts of our people throughout the South and compelled them to redouble their efforts to save them.

What Will Success in This Campaign Do With Baptists?

1. It will call us to prayer as never before. If we are to win, we must do it by the way of the Throne, through importunate supplication.

2. It will test our faith, and we will hear Him saying unto us: "Be it unto you according to your faith." We will thus make in modern Baptist history another Eleventh Chapter of Hebrews.

3. It will test our unity and the efficiency of our organization. We will never impair the doctrine of the rights of the individual conscience and the independence of the local churches, but we will magnify and manifest to the world the unifying power of a common faith, convictions and purpose, in our effective mobilization of all the spiritual forces in our democracy under the Lordship of our only Master.

4. The success of this campaign will fathom the depths of our sacrificial giving and tell how we decide between Christ and money.

What Will the Campaign and the Successful Issue of it Do for Baptists?

1. It will enable them to greatly multiply and strengthen their missionary agencies at home and abroad.

2. It will almost double the efficiency of our Christian schools.

3. It will enable Baptists to increase their hospital efficiency, for the cure of the sick and the suffering, and enlarge our facilities for the support of hundreds of orphans who cry daily for our care.

4. It will bring to us a spirit of revival quickening. It will call out the called. It will deepen our passion for lost souls, enlist the indifferent, and engage us all for larger service.

5. It will provide Baptists a better opportunity to deliver their message and set forth their doctrines of the rights of conscience, separation of church and state, the integrity of the

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Scriptures, the Lordship of Christ, and the freedom of the local churches under Him, from any lordship of popes, priests, bishops, and all other ecclesiastical autocracies.

The Executive Committee has apportioned the 75 Million to the States. Our State apportionment is \$3,500,000. Our State forces have apportioned to our association \$71,125 and this amount has been divided among our churches. As loyal servants of our Lord, and faithful messengers of His gospel, we are asked to join this movement with the most coöperant spirit and in the most self-sacrificing way.

We, therefore, heartily recommend that this association accept joyfully its apportionment, and that we pledge ourselves to aid in effecting the best organization possible for the raising of our quota until success crowns our cause and then join in jubilant praise to God for Victory.

P. S. ROGERS, Com.

The following brethren spoke to the above six reports. Bryan Simmons and J. B. Lawrence. At the close of these great addresses we were led in prayer by J. D. Ray. S. M. Fant also spoke to these reports. Adjourned until 1:30.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. Simmons conducted the devotional exercises and had a season of voluntary prayers.

Then the above six reports were adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We the committee on Nominations make the following report: To preach the introductory sermon, P. S. Rogers; alternate, Tommie Smith; Delegate to S. B. C., H. M. Whitten; alternate, S. M. Fant; President W. M. U., Mrs. H. L. Rhodes; Executive Committee, Estell Dobbs, J. M. Barron and S. M. Fant. We recommend Mt. Moriah as the next place for the Association.

Respectfully Submitted

S. M. FANT,
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The report on Woman's Work was read by Emmie Hammond and after a few remarks by Miss Hammond and Mrs. Rhodes, J. L. Hughes and J. D. Ray, was adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

If we study our Bible closely we find women have been doing a glorious work ever since Moses was leader of the children of Israel.

In the same chapter (Exodus 35) that Moses told the people God's command concerning the observance of the Sabbath he told them of his commands concerning an offering unto the Lord.

This offering was to be among the people who were of a willing heart an offering of gold, silver, brass and blue and purple and scarlet and fine linen and goats' hair and many other things but, let us notice who were to make this offering.

Exodus 35-5, "Whosoever is of a willing heart." Now read the 22d verse, "And they came, both men and women, as many as as were willing hearted and brought an offering." I suppose some of the women were not satisfied with an offering or some did not have one to make so all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their own hands and brought that which they had spun. Exodus 35:25.

But let us pass from the Old Testament to the New.

Women were not satisfied with making offerings unto the Lord or working with their hands they wanted to win souls for the Master and they begun to tell of Jesus and many Samaritans believed on Him because of the word of the woman. John 4:39.

We have often studied of the twelve disciples who went about with Jesus but very few of us women know that women were going about with Jesus at the same time and ministering unto them of their substance. Luke 8, 1-13.

Then the women helped Paul, for in Phil. 4, 3 he said, "Help those women who labored with me in the gospel."

We used to talk of the W. M. U. and we felt that was as much as the women could ever do, but now we have something bigger to talk of and that is the \$75,000,000 campaign and our part in it.

EMMIE HAMMOND.

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considered. S. M. Fant was made delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and H. M. Whitten alternate.

On motion the clerk was instructed to raise the money to send delegate to S B. C. at Washington next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Benevolence Fund.

Received from Finance Committee -----	\$133.64	
Spring Hill, for Orphanage -----	4.50	
Fentress, for Home Missions -----	2.50	
Christian Education, public collection -----	26.65	
Total -----		\$167.29
Paid J. B. Lawrence -----		\$167.29

Fund for Delegate to S. B. C.

From Finance Committee -----	\$ 4.31	
From Delegates -----	10.75	
Spring Hill Church -----	3.00	
Blythe Creek Church -----	.40	
Mt. Olivet Church -----	1.00	
Self Creek Church -----	2.05	
Wake Forest Church -----	1.50	
Clear Springs Church -----	1.50	
Total -----		\$ 24.51
Paid J. H. D. Watson -----		23.01
Balance on Hand -----		\$ 1.50

Minute Fund.

Receipts:		
Balance on hand last year -----	\$ 21.13	
Finance Committee -----	57.80	
Spring Hill Church -----	2.00	
Cypress Church -----	.50	
Fentress Church -----	.50	
Blythe Creek Church -----	1.30	
Mt. Olivet Church -----	1.00	
Total -----		\$ 84.23

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Disbursements:

H. M. Whitten, Del. S. B. A. Co.	\$ 7.50
Minutes	56.52
Express and postage	5.40
Clerk	14.81
Total	\$ 84.23

The clerk was instructed to have 750 minutes printed and he be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock in the morning.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The Association came to order by singing Prayer by J. H. Ward.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday School is the most important auxiliary, viewed from all points of all the different aids of the church. Well has it been said that "the Sunday School is the teaching service of the church." The church that has no school of any description is practically powerless. It can never be ready to do its best possible service. It is constantly dodging or playing with the interest of our great denomination, and such a church is a church only in the literal organic sense. The members of such a church may sit together in Christian worship occasionally but they do not walk very far together in Christian love and fellowship. The devil is opposed to Sunday School. Are you? A good per cent of conversions reported by the different churches comes from the Sunday School. Answer the questions, "Why have a Sunday School, and have we any authority from God's word for the Sunday School?" God's word is the authority itself. We do more efficient church work for the Master through the Sunday School. It was brought into existence and exists today, and if we can do more efficient work through the Sunday School and can reach more people and lead more souls to Jesus Christ through the Sunday School than otherwise ought we object to it?

The fruits of a good active Sunday School are numerous. Statistics show that between 85 and 50 per cent of all conver-

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sions have been Sunday School pupils. The workers in the Sunday School are the main workers in the church and the Sunday School pupils help the pastor to keep the prayer meeting going, the mission spirit growing and the various interests of the denomination supported.

And still you object to Sunday Schools? And God's word says in Deut. 31:12, Gather the people together, men and women and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates that they may learn and that they may learn and fear the Lord your God; and observe to do all the words of this law, Neh. 8, Records Nehemiah's Bible school when Ezra the priest was standing above the people all day long, read and interpreted the book of the Lord to the people. Christ in the New Testament went about teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom of heaven and still we object to a Sunday School. We believe that each church in each association should have a good live Sunday School, and that each association should own and maintain its own denominational Sunday School convention, with Beat organization and associational Sunday School workers.

We therefore urge that every church in this association have a good active and well organized Sunday School before another meeting of this is had.

Submitted,

J. L. HUGHES,

This report was discussed by J. L. Hughes. He called on all the superintendents to give, in their opinion, the greatest hinderance to the Sunday School work and the remedy. They were unanimous in saying, lack of interest on the part of parents.

J. H. Ward, Tom Smith and H. M. Whitten also spoke to the report and it was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolve, that we, the Chester Baptist Association and visitors express by standing vote, our sincere thanks to the church and community for their kindness and noble hospitality to us while in their midst.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. WEATHERALL.

Resolution of thanks were adopted by a rising vote.

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The Finance Committee made the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We the Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

Minutes -----	\$ 75.36
State Missions -----	8.50
Foreign Missions -----	3.00
Home Missions -----	7.00
Orphanage -----	10.50
Hospitals -----	2.04
Ministerial Relief -----	1.00
Christian Education -----	.50
Associational Purposes -----	10.04
D S. C. Money Returned -----	8.62
Totals -----	\$126.56

Respectfully Submitted,

J. L. NEELY,

J. H. WARD,

G. L. KEEN,

Committee.

The Devotional Committee reported that P. S. Rogers preach Sunday at 11 o'clock and H. M. Whitten at 2 p. m. but Bro. Rogers informed the committee that he was going to fill his regular appointments. J. L. Hughes was substituted.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Mt. Moriah Church Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October, A. D., 1920.

H. M. WHITTEN, Moderator.

G. D. WEATHERALL, Clerk.

REPORT ON ENROLLMENT.

Ackerman—P. S. Rogers Mrs. Lelia Rhodes, Miss Hattie Ridgway.

Arbor Springs—

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Benlah—Jno. Black.

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Bethlehem—Joe Weeks.

Bluff Springs—W. P. Coleman.

Blythe Creek—N. L. McMinn.

Chester—W. L. Edwards, Mrs. W. L. Edwards, J. W. McIntyre,
Allen King.

Center Grove—J. M. Douglas, W. E. Douglas, B. F. Aswell.

Clear Springs—C. E. Maxwell, Fannie Stephenson, Edna
Davies.

Crape Creek—

Cypress—

Double Springs—J. L. Neely, J. T. Fulham.

Ebenezer—

French Camp—G. W. Bennett, Wilson Taylor, J. A. Wilson.

Fentress—

Fellowship—D. L. Humphries, Edgar Lewis, Jim Woodward.

Long Branch—J. A. Watkins, Mrs. J. A. Watkins.

Long View—T. G. Sanders, J. I. Cummings, Mrs. S. J. Sanders.

Mt. Moriah—J. J. Rabun, J. T. Howard.

Mathiston—C. H. Dobbs, T. J. Smith, W. H. Livingston.

McCurtain's Creek—Dr. T. M. Holloway, Mrs. T. M. Holloway.

Mt. Pisgah—C. C. Bobo, H. A. Allen, B. F. Bollis.

Mt. Olivet—Miss Hassie Cotton, J. W. Butler.

New Hope—Miss M. Taylor, J. H. Heflin, J. L. Malone.

New Zion—G. L. Keen.

New Haven—G. D. Alexander, Wash Nail, T. C. Kile.

Pleasant Ridge—W. N. Taylor D. A. Kornegay, T. E. Sykes.

Providence—Rev. J. H. D. Watson, Jno. McPhearson, Will Mc-
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Pine Grove—B. Johnson, Mrs. Joe Reede.

Self Creek—W. M. Hammond, Chas. Butler, G. C. Josey.

Sturgis—J. T. Smith.

Spring Hill—Nathan Templeton, Jno. Williams.

Wood Springs—

Wake Forest—D. M. Berry, N. Q. Adams.

Weir—H. M. Whitten, J. H. Ward.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Patrick S. Rogers—Ackerman

E. L. Taylor—Ackerman

W. L. Watkins—Maben

C. H. Dobbs—Mathiston

Continue

Jasper Watson-----	Maben	T. J. Smith-----	Mathiston
J. L. Smith-----	Tom Nolen	J. H. D. Watson-----	Weir
W. J. Dobbs-----	Mathison	H. M. Whitten-----	Weir

ORDDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Organization.
2. Call for Petitionary Letters.
3. Call for Correspondence.
4. Appointment of Special Committees.
5. Report on Digest of Church Letters.
6. Miscellaneous Business.
7. Report on Missions.
8. Report on Systematic Giving.
9. Report on Sunday Schools.
10. Report on Woman's Work.
11. Report on Christian Education.
12. Report on Publications.
13. Report on Temperance
14. Report on Ministerial Relief.
15. Report on Obituaries.
16. Report on Orphanage.
17. Report on Southern Baptist Convention Delegate.
18. Report on Hospitals.
19. Report on Laymen's Movement.
20. Report of Committee on Nominations.
21. Report of Treasurer.
22. Report of Executive Board.
23. Report of Finance Committee.
24. Appointment of Standing Committees.
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OUR DEAD.

Ackerman—Rufus Crow, B. F. Tucker, Mrs. Clark Blanton.
 Bethlehem—Mrs. Eviline Taylor, Geo. Oswalt, Harrison Wood-
 son, W. T. Weeks, Toomer Collins.
 Blythe Creek—Almedia Cotton.
 Bluff Springs—E. O. Singleton, Stacy Singleton, Nannie Mit-
 chell, Lucy Coleman, Will Clark.
 Center Grove—Nellie Fulgham.
 Chester—Mrs. Kate King.
 Clear Sprngs—W. W. Davis.
 Fellowship—J. M. Busber, Mary Smith, Mary Narmour, J. V.
 Middleton, Estel Middleton, Mary Middleton, Hattie
 Whitaker.
 Fentress—Mrs. Robt. L. Boggin.
 Mt. Moriah—Beulah Weeks.
 Mt. Pisgah—J. I. Miller.
 New Zion—W. E. King, Henry Mills, Louisa Maddox.
 Pleasant Ridge—W. T. Sullivant, J. A. Simpson, Mrs. Ella
 Vaughan.
 Self Creek—Samuel Edwards.
 Weir—Mrs. Mildred Ming.
 New Haven—J. J. W. Dunn.
 Wakeforest—Lucile W. Humill.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

Digest Committee—G. L. Kern.
 Ministerial Relief—S. A. Fant.
 Systematic Giving—Thomas Smith.
 Orphanage—J. Wiley Smith.
 Missions—J. J. Carter.
 Christian Education—P. S. Rogers.
 Publications—J. H. D. Watson.
 Hospitals—Dr. T. M. Holloway.
 Temperance—Hugh Reed.
 Sunday Schools—S. C. Steele.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Supernitendents	ADDRESS	No. Teachers and Officers	No. Pupils	Average Attendance	Number of Baptisms	Tehrs. Hold. Nor. Dipl.	Kind of Literature
Ackerman	W. F. Burney	Ackerman	11	122	85	13	2	Bap
Beulah	W. S. Black	McCool	7	69	33	8		Bap
Clover Springs	Charley Ray	Chester	5	38	25			Bap
Ebnezer	Joe Woods	Stewart	5	25				Union
Fellowship	J. W. Franklin	Mathiston	7	50	30			Bap
Fentress	J. H. Prewitt	Weir	5	40	25	5		Union
Long Branch	J. A. Watkins	Maben	5	25	20			Bap
Mathiston	L. H. Hester	Mathiston	7	40	31	5		Bap
Mt. Moriah	J. E. Worrell	Weir	7	40	20			Bap
Mt. Pisgah	H. E. Allen	Eupora	4	60	40			Bap
New Hope	W. W. Roberts	Longview	3	25				Bap
New Zion	G. D. Weatherall	Ackerman	4	34	26			Bap
Pleasant Ridge	D. A. Kornegay	Sturgis	4	60	38			Bap
Providence	G. A. Whisenant	Chester	11	68	51			Bap
Self Creek	C. H. Butler	Starkville	10	78	45	1	4	Bap
Sturgis	J. C. Harrill	Sturgis	6	28				Bap
Weir	J. A. Montgomery	Weir	7	50	40	3	1	Bap
New Haven	W. O. Simpson	Weir	5	50				Bap
Wake Forest	Lee Marshall	Sturgis	6	30	20			Bap
Totals			119	932		35	7	

STATISTICAL REPORT CHESTER ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POSTOFFICE	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	Increase			Decrease			Total	No. Non-resident	No. Active	No. Taking
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death				
Ackerman	F. S. Rogers	Ackerman	Mrs. L. C. Rhodes	Ackerman	15	10	25	6	3	3	9	156	38	118
Arbor Springs			Jennie Oneal	Mathiston								31		
Bethany			W. Sledman	Ackerman								80		
Bethlehem	P. S. Rogers	Ackerman	P. M. Snow	Ackerman	10	1	11	7	5	5	12	87		
Beulah	W. E. Fendley	Weir	J. D. Black	McCool	10	1	11	2	1	1	3	135		
Blythe Creek	J. H. D. Watkins	Weir	H. P. Livingston	Mathiston	10	1	11	4	1	1	1	130	48	82
Bluff Springs	W. L. Watkins	Weir	Alsie Jones	Eupora	10	1	11	6	5	5	11	117	53	64
Center Grove	O. C. Cooper	Maben	J. W. Douglas	Maben	10	1	11	1	1	1	1	126	28	98
Chester	J. L. Smith	Eupora	M. L. Buck	Chester	10	1	11	1	1	1	1	93	10	80
Clear Springs	J. L. Smith	Tom Nolen	C. E. Maxwell	Chester	10	1	11	1	1	1	1	128	55	73
Crape Creek	J. L. Smith	Tom Nolen	C. E. Erwin	Stewart	10	1	11	1	1	1	1	4	72	
Cypress			W. E. Lewis	Longview	10	1	11	2	1	1	2	40		
Double Springs			S. A. Reed	Sturgis	10	1	11	2	1	1	2	197		
Elenezer	J. L. Smith	Tom Nolen	Jack Pearson	Stewart	10	1	11	2	1	1	2	65	37	28
Fellowship	R. L. Breland	Philadelphia	T. M. Jones	Mathiston	10	1	11	3	1	1	15	138	20	118
Fentress	H. M. Whitten	Weir	H. W. Blair	Ackerman	10	1	11	3	1	1	3	91		
French Camp	P. S. Rogers	Ackerman	Wilson Taylor	French Camp	10	1	11	2	1	1	3	92	31	61
French Branch	W. L. Hughes	Maben	J. A. Watkins	Maben	10	1	11	1	1	1	1	50	20	30
Longview	J. L. Breland	Philadelphia	C. R. Sanders	Longview	10	1	11	1	1	1	1	147		
Mathiston			T. W. Dudley	Mathiston	10	1	11	5	1	1	5	150	150	1
McCurrains			T. M. Holloway	Weir	10	1	11	19	1	1	1	68		
Mt. Moriah	P. S. Rogers	Ackerman	T. H. Howard	Weir	10	1	11	13	1	1	3	143	39	104
Mt. Olive			I. T. McKee	Sturgis	10	1	11	2	1	1	1	78		
New Haven	O. C. Cooper	Eupora	H. A. Allen	Eupora	10	1	11	1	1	1	1	39	203	62
New Hope	J. H. D. Watkins	Weir	J. A. Chamber	Weir	10	1	11	1	1	1	1	40		
New Zion	W. L. Watkins	Maben	W. B. Seitz	Longview	10	1	11	2	1	1	3	159	38	121
Pleasant Ridge	O. C. Cooper	Eupora	J. F. Keen	Ackerman	10	1	11	9	1	1	3	159	38	121
Providence	J. L. Hughes	Philadelphia	T. E. Sykes	Longview	10	1	11	7	1	1	3	155	74	111
Pine Grove	J. H. D. Watkins	Weir	J. W. Lollar	Weir	10	1	11	3	1	1	2	95		
Self Creek	C. E. Bland	Maben	Palmer Eushing	Mathiston	10	1	11	1	1	1	1	16		
Spring Hill	J. D. Ray	Starkville	G. C. Josie	Ackerman	10	1	11	3	1	1	1	183	40	143
Sturgis			J. T. Fondren	Sturgis	10	1	11	5	1	1	12	150		
Wake Forest	L. A. Hailey	Eunis	H. L. Carter	Sturgis	10	1	11	1	1	1	1	129		
Weir	J. T. Carroll	Reform	Mrs. P. E. Hanna	Sturgis	10	1	11	1	1	1	1	97		
Wood Springs	A. E. Lucas	Sallis	S. M. King	Tom Nolen	10	1	11	2	1	1	3	68		
	J. L. Smith	Tom Nolen	J. M. Woods	Tom Nolen	10	1	11	2	1	1	1	70		
				TOTALS	85	64	2	151	41	37	151	3863		53

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STATISTICAL REPORT FOR CHESTER ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Del. S.B. C.	Pastor's Salary	Building and repairs	Visiting Ministers	Incidentals	Local Poor	Sunday School Expenses	Minutes	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	Ministerial Relief	Orphanage	Christian Education	Convention Budget	Hospitals	Totals	Value Church Property
Ackerman	\$	\$ 700	\$159.00	\$ 446	\$ 37.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 57.00	\$ 3.00	\$	\$ 21.80	\$ 32.71	\$171.00	\$	\$ 92.00	\$ 7.00	\$300.00	\$	\$181.51	\$1100
Arbor Sp'gs.								2.25	30.00	74.75	74.75	66.00	5.00	10.00			10.00	102.25	1100
Bethany		100			31.00			3.50	9.30									505.00	430
Bethlehem		200						1.65	5.00									110.55	500
Beulah		80						1.45		5.00								86.45	600
Blythe Creek		75						2.25		1.00								176.25	400
Buff Springs		50		120				2.00										157.27	700
Center Grove		75		20				3.05	4.00	5.00	12.05		1.00	6.00	1.00	57.27	1.00	119.10	600
Chester		55				7.00	4.00	1.00	5.00	5.00				4.00				15.03	250
Cedar Springs																			
Crape Creek																			
Cypress																			
Double Sp'gs.		25					3.00	2.00	5.00									2.00	200
Ebenezer		100		20				1.10	5.00	14.00	14.50			3.00			1.50	38.60	200
Fellowship	2.00	75		38	3.00		28.00	2.50	13.20	15.00	15.00			6.00			4.00	176.20	500
Fentress		220	10.00	46	6.00			3.75		15.00	19.80	12.00		7.00				174.00	350
French Camp		50	17.00	9			2.00	1.50	2.33	1.00	4.17		3.20	1.00	.50		.54	324.55	130
Long Branch								5.00										92.24	350
Long View	2.66	250		73	15.00		25.00	2.00	38.55	52.24	77.37		2.00					57.82	1400
Mathison				26				1.00										27.00	600
McCurryn Ck		107		38			3.00	3.00				5.00						185.00	700
Mt. Moriah								1.00						1.00				14.50	250
Mt. Olive								1.40										138.43	800
Mt. Pisgah		75		16				3.15	6.0	1.80	26.00	20.00		2.00				171.75	1050
New Haven		100		50			6.00	2.00	3.30		8.80			2.00				108.70	460
New Hope		75		10			5.00	2.00	5.00	25.00	28.25			2.00	7.40			258.25	800
New Zion	1.00	140		34			9.00	1.50	7.89	3.11	4.00			27.00				184.15	1000
Pleasant Rdg.	1.65	150		12	4.00			1.50	5.82	11.05	5.50	26.00						152.87	400
Providence		50		5	5.00	12.00		1.00	9.00	4.10	4.10			55.00				369.75	1800
Pine Grove		150	11.00	55	12.00		25.00	2.75	10.00	40.00	7.03		.50					4.45	800
Self Creek	1.50							4.45	50.00	25.00	25.00	32.00			10.00			370.00	500
Spring Hill		240			16.00		5.00	2.11										178.11	500
Sturgis		75		4			15.00	5.00		30.00	37.25			5.00				370.25	500
Wake Forest		125		148	10.00			1.00	2.50	5.00	2.50							20.00	400
Weir				4															
Wood Sp'gs.																			
Total	\$8.81	\$3392	\$197.00	\$1197	\$139.00	\$ 24.00	\$187.00	\$ 75.36	\$211.89	\$329.85	\$421.35	\$282.00	\$ 12.70	\$223.00	\$ 43.90	\$398.27	\$ 17.04	\$770.17	\$2970

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Total																						

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